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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group art unit: 3656
Examiner: Justin Mitchell Krause

In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Kouji KITAHATA et al.

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For: LUBRICANT COMPOSITION, SPEED
REDUCTION GEAR USING THE LUBRICANT
COMPOSITION, AND ELECTRIC POWER
STEERING APPARATUS USING THE SPEED
REDUCTION GEAR

Atty. ref.: AI 431NP

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) **RESPONSE TO**
) **RESTRICTION**
) **REQUIREMENT**

July 7, 2009

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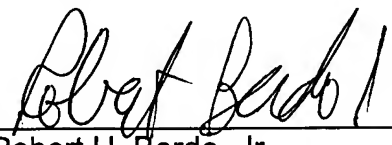
Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 9, 2009, Applicants elect the invention of Group 1, i.e., the subject matter of claims 1 through 7, for further examination. The election is made without traverse.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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